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CAVSES

OF A

Solemn publick Humiliation and Faſt, appoynted by the *Generall Aſſembly* to be kept throughout all the Congregations of the Kingdom, upon the laſt Sabbath of this Inſtant.

I. WEE are to mourn for the continuance and increaſe of ſinne and profanity; Eſpecially of the abominable ſin of Witchcraft, which abounds in the Land, as appeares from the many and frequent diſcoveries thereof, in all the corners and quarters of the Countrey.

II. We are to afflict our ſoules before the Lord, for the ſad Interruption of the Lords Work in *England* and *Ireland*, and for the ſore oppreſſion of his people,, and ſuch as are ſtedfaſt in his Cauſe in theſe Kingdomes, by a prevailing party of Sectaries in the one, and of Malignants in the other.

III. It is matter of Humiliation unto us, that our King hath not as yet granted the juſt and neceſſary deſires of this Kirk and Kingdome, for ſecuring of Religion, and that he hath made Peace with the *Iriſh Rebels*, who have ſhed ſo much of the blood of the Lords people, and hath granted unto them the full Liberty of Poperie.

IV. Wee are to entreat the Lord to deliver the King from the ſnare of Malignant Counſels, and to incline his heart to give ſatisfaction in theſe things that concern Religion, that he may be eſtabliſhed upon his Throne.

V. We are to pray for ſtedfaſtnes to this Land, eſpecially to thoſe who have the charge of publick Affairs, that in the midſt of ſo many Snares and Tentations, they may keep their Integrity, and not decline neither to the right hand, or to the left.

VI. Wee are to entreat the Lord that he would ſtrenthen thoſe who ſuffer for his Cauſe in *England* and *Ireland*, and that he would break the yoke of their oppreſſours from off their neck, and carry on his Work amongſt them, unto the praiſe of his own Name, the comfort of his people, and ſhame of his Enemies.

VII. Wee are to beg of God that he would regard the neceſſities of the Poor, who cry for want of bread, by a faire and ſeaſonable Harveſt, and Crowning the yeer with his goodneſſe, in beſtowing upon his people a plentifull meaſure of the fruits of the earth, that ſo the famine which hath been long threatned, and is much feared, may be prevented, and the Kingdome enabled to beare neceſſary burthens, without repining.